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In approximately January 1995, I began speaking with mechanic Charles Lowry regarding installing oil recycling devices on automobiles. On February 2, 1995, Charles Lowry and I drove to 3300 N. San Fernando Blvd. in Burbank California to install an oil recycling unit on Peter McNulty's automobile. During the installation, I explained the shortcomings of the device that we were installing to Charles Lowry and told him about a more compact and easily installable system that I had designed. Charles Lowry became very excited and seemed obsessed with helping pursue the new design.

On April 7, 1997, I filed a U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 08, 826, 727 on the compact mobile oil recycling system. In an associated Office Action dated January 1, 1998, Examiner M. Savage, Art Unit 1723, cited US Patent 5, 824, 211 to Lowry, as prior art against the above-identified patent application.

Sincerely,
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